1	2	3	4	5	6	7
44.	उज्जैन	89–90	8953	7827	87.4	11.7
		90–91	10638	9413	88.4	11.6
		91–92	13570	11251	82.9	10.8
45.	विदिशा	89–90	1403	1309	93.3	11.4
		90–91	2015	1676	83.1	9.5
		91–92	3207	2643	82.4	8.9

Development of Telecom facilities in District of Andhra Pradesh

1214. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the plans for development of telecom facilities in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what are the places to be given S.T.D. facilities in that district; and

(c) what specific steps Govt. propose to take in the next two financial years to up-grade telecom facilities for Polavaram Town in West Godavari district ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Penugonda and Polavaram till 1993-94. STD facility to other places is planned to be provided progressively by March 1997.

(c) A modern electronic exchange is already existing at Polavaram. Provision of STD facility has been planned during 1993-94. The existing telegraph service provided on 'Morse' is planned to be converted to 'phonocom' during 1993-94.

Statement

Plans for development of telecom. facilities in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93 *and* 1993-94

(a) 1992-93

1. Out of existing total 138 telephone exchanges in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, two are manual, 85 are electromechanical automatic and 51 are electronic telephone exchanges. Both the manual telephone exchanges have been planned for replacement by modern electronic automatic exchanges.
2. 29 Nos. of small electromechanical automatic exchanges have been planned for replacement by modern electronic exchanges to provide improved service to the customers.
3. Telephone exchange at Tadepalligudem has been expanded. Expansion of Telephone exchange at Bhimavaram by 1000 lines is planned.
4. Out of total 810 Panchayat Villages in West Godavari District 797 are provided with telephone facility. Provision of telephone facility in 8 more villages has been planned.
5. Local and STD public telephones will be provided subject to technical feasibility, suitability and demand on franchise basis.
6. A Telecom. Centre is planned to be opened at Jangareddigudem. Bureaufax service will be introduced at Narasapur Telecom. Centre.

7. New Telephone exchanges will be opened subject to registeration of requisite paid demands and technical feasibility.

(b) 1993-94

1. A 3000 lines modern electronic telephone exchange is planned for installation at Tadepalligudem in replacement of existing exchange equipments.

2. 10 Nos. of small electromechanical exchanges have been planned for replacement by modern electronic exchanges to provide improved service to customers.

3. The remaining 5 Panchayat villages will be provided with telephone facility.

4. Local and STD PCOs will be provided subject to technical feasibility, suitability and demand on franchise basis.

5. A telecom. Centre is planned to be opened at Tadepalligudem Bazar. Bureaufax facility will be introduced at Nidadavole.

6. New Telephone Exchanges will be opened subject to registration of requisite paid demands and technical feasibility.

7. Out of total 14 Taluk Headquarters in West Godavari District, 10 are already provided with STD facility. 2 Taluk Headquarters have been planned for provision of STD facility during 1993-94 and the remaining 2 during 1994-95 depending upon technical feasibility.

Fraud in making international telephone

1215. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high level committee to probe the nation wide racket in illegal international and national telephone calls;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many officers and employees of the MTNL have been suspended so far after one such racket was unearthed by the surprise raid by the Minister himself;

(d) the amount of loss caused to Government on this account; and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration of Government to constitute a Committee to examine malpractices resulting in loss of telephone revenue and to suggest remedial measures.

(c) One Sub-divisional Officer and Junior Telecom Officer of MTNL have been suspended and disciplinary action has been initiated.

(d) The exact amount of loss has not been estimated.

(e) Active assistance of CBI is being taken to deal with such cases. Four special cells of CBI, each under the charge of a Superintendent of Police are being set up in the four Metropolitan Cities to deal with such cases in coordination with the Departmental Officers.

Operation of Dish Antena and Cable T

1216. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Hindustan Times dated the 12th September, 1992 captioned "Dish Violate Act"